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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1 (currently amended): [[A]] An assembly comprising, in combination:  
a protective sleeve; and for use with  
an extension bar comprising a detent and a button for controlling the detent, with the  
button having a first height extending radially from the extension bar and being pushable  
into the extension bar to a second height extending radially from the extension bar less  
than the first height, wherein the protective sleeve defines a hole and an aperture  
communicated communicating with the hole, wherein the hole receives the extension bar when  
the aperture receives the button.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The assembly protective sleeve according to claim 1 with  
the protective sleeve defining a recess for receiving a user's finger, wherein the aperture is  
located within the recess, with the button extending into the recess at the first height.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The assembly protective sleeve according to claim [[1]] 2  
with the protective sleeve comprising a thickness extending radially from the extension bar  
and outside of the recess, with the thickness being greater than the first height of the button.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The assembly protective sleeve according to claim [[1]] 3  
with the protective sleeve comprising a periphery with a conical cylindrical portion and a  
frustum-shaped portion sloping from the conical cylindrical portion to an axial end, wherein  
the frustum-shaped portion of the periphery of the protective sleeve slopes to the periphery of  
the extension bar as the protective sleeve is put on the extension bar, with the cylindrical  
portion including the thickness, with the recess formed in the cylindrical portion and the  
frustum-shaped portion and extending to the axial end of the frustum-shaped portion, with  
the cylindrical portion and the frustum-shaped portion each having an axial extent along  
the extension bar, with the axial extent of the frustum-shaped portion being greater than  
the thickness.